



**Request for City Council Committee Action
From the Department of Public Works**

Date: February 4, 2003

To: Honorable Sandra Colvin Roy, Chair Transportation and Public Works Committee

Subject: Issuance of a Quit Claim Deed to clear title to a vacated alley. Vacation No. 983, Deed No. 208. (320 Lake Street East)

Recommendation: That the City Council authorize the proper City Officials to execute a quit claim deed clearing title to the vacated alley.

Previous Directives: Resolution 85R-261 vacating the public alley.

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Approved: Brian J. Lokkesmoe, P. E., Interim City Engineer, Director of Public Works
By: Paul W. Ogren _____

Presenters: Dennis Morris, Right of Way Supervisor

Financial Impact (Check those that apply)

☒ No financial impact - or - Action is within current department budget.
(If checked, go directly to Background/Supporting Information)

☐ Action requires an appropriation increase to the Capital Budget

☐ Action requires an appropriation increase to the Operating Budget

☐ Action provides increased revenue for appropriation increase

☐ Action requires use of contingency or reserves

☐ Other financial impact (Explain):

☐ Request provided to the Budget Office when provided to the Committee Coordinator

Background/Supporting Information Attached

In 1886 the City acquired a 12 foot public alley easement over Lot 9, Block 1, F.A. Parker's Addition. In 1985 the City approved a petition to vacate this alley easement.

In November, 2002 Public Works received a request from the owner of the property to clarify the City's ownership of the parcel. A Title Company had issued a report asserting that the City owned fee title to the property. We have conducted a review of the ownership of the land and are confident that the City possessed only an easement interest in the property and that interest was eliminated upon the City Council vacating the alley.

In order to settle the issue, the property owner has requested a Quit Claim Deed from the City that would eliminate any question of City ownership. In order to have the Deed executed, it is necessary to obtain City Council approval.

This is not a sale of land as defined in the Procedure Manual for Professional Services and Real Estate Transactions and a waiver of the Permanent Review Committee approval as allowed by the Procedures Manual has been approved.

C: Council Member Robert Lilligren, Ward 8

T&PW - Your Committee recommends passage of the accompanying report, authorizing the proper City Officers to execute a quit claim deed for the purpose of clearing the title to the following described land:

The North 12 feet of Lot 9, Block 1, F.A. Parker's Addition to the City of Minneapolis, Hennepin County, Minnesota.